

**Council Sidewalk Committee Recommendations for 2003
(June 13, 2003)**

Recommended Projects - Sidewalk Linkages

5th Street from Overhill to Deadend

This is part of a multi-year, multi-departmental initiative proposed by Councilmember Mayer in 2002 that would provide sidewalks and address storm water concerns from the east end of 5th Street to Union. Last year Council approved \$28,832 for a comprehensive study of the area. That study estimated the sidewalk component at about \$101,887 and the storm water component of this project at about \$200,000. This recommendation covers the very east end of the project which, as the down slope portion of the project, must be done first in order to handle the water flow created by the other phases of the project. The recommendation also acknowledges the necessity of garnering storm water funds for its completion, which may well depend upon inclusion of this project in a proposed storm water rate increase.

\$52,598 contingent upon the availability of storm water funds

10th Street - 350 feet West of Grandview Drive (South Side)

This is a short stretch of sidewalk proposed by Councilmember Diekhoff. It would complete a link that will allow pedestrians eventually to walk along a sidewalk on the south side of 10th Street west from Pete Ellis Drive to Grandview.

\$43,975

Walnut Street from Bank One (Country Club/Winslow) to Hoosier Street
(West Side)

This is the first leg of a project proposed by Councilmember Sabbagh that could provide sidewalks along the west side of Walnut Street from Country Club/Winslow to Gordon Pike/Rhorer Road. He has promoted this project after seeing pedestrians walk along the roadside on the way to and from the businesses at the intersection with Country Club/Winslow. This stretch of

road also showed up as a high priority on the Pedshed Map. The Committee recommended allocating the remaining funds for this project (\$63,427) even though it was below the estimate (\$104,354). In order to help complete the project this year, the Committee discussed whether asphalt could be used for the portion over the PUD. Councilmembers Mayer and Sabbagh also volunteered to discuss the sidewalk with the developer (Winegar/Stolberg).

\$63,427 (all the remaining funds for 2003) for a project
estimated at \$104,354

Projects Considered But Not Funded By the Council Sidewalk Committee in 2003

2002 Projects with Initial or Partial Funding

Circle Drive - Ruby Lane (South Side)

This is a \$148,000 project that will link the pedestrian lanes at Southdowns and Jordan with Nancy Street and Ruby Lane and, according to the Greenways map, eventually continue to Covenanter and Marilyn. This leg of the project is jointly funded by the Alternative Transportation Fund (2002* - \$108,731) and the Greenways money (2003 - \$39,300) and should be completed this summer. *(* Note: The Common Council followed the recommendations of the Council Sidewalk Committee in 2002 by approving an allocation of \$59,547 in June and adding another \$49,184 from another project in December).*

Jefferson Street from 3rd to 10th Street

This is another multi-year, multi-departmental initiative for the Green Acres area proposed by Councilmember Mayer. It would address vehicular, pedestrian and storm water concerns for this roadway. Last year Council approved \$27,840 for a comprehensive study of the area. Earlier this year the Engineering Department and representatives from Bledsoe, Tapp & Riggert met with neighbors to present some proposals and hear their concerns. Further work on the design will be necessary before more detail estimates can be generated.

Previously Considered Projects Which Have Never Been Funded

Kinser Pike from 17th Street to Gourley Pike (East Side)

The Committee looked at Kinser Pike from 17th all the way to the SR 45/46 in 2002, because there were many apartment complexes directly off Kinser Pike and no sidewalks to nearby grocery stores and other destinations. It showed up as a high priority on the PedShed Map and was the subject of a request from a resident this year. The estimates for this project range from \$296,000 for the full length and \$158,384 from existing sidewalks up to Gourley Pike. Last year the Committee noted the difficult topography to the north and the inclination from INDOT not to support sidewalk at intersections with its highways. This year a developer will be putting in more apartments north of the Sav-a-Lot store and installing sidewalks. There was also some speculation that INDOT would change its mind regarding sidewalks once it began widening the bypass. Although recognized as a needed link, the Committee did not recommend funding this year.

Newly Considered Projects for 2003

Smith Road from about Hagan Street to Moores Pike (West Side)

The Committee envisioned installing a sidepath that would connect with the one on 3rd Street and run along the west side of Smith Road at a cost of about \$199,000. This frontage is undergoing development and the individual developers will be required to construct portions of the sidewalk when they improve their sites. The Committee decided to fund the 350 feet of sidewalk on East 10th this year, rather than commence the longer project on Smith Road.

College Avenue from the Middle of Miller Showers Park to SR 45/46

Tricia Collingwood mentioned this link for the benefit of people who live north of the SR 45/46 Bypass and walk toward Miller Showers Park and the businesses along College Avenue. The estimate for this link was about \$37,588. The Committee noted that there are sidewalks on North Walnut (on the other side of the park), but no sidewalks on either side of Walnut north of the Bypass. It appeared that the Committee was willing to wait on projects that border the SR 45/46 Bypass until the widening is underway.

Other Project Areas

Broadview Area - Rogers Street

Shirley Evans wrote a letter to the Council last summer which included a petition from residents in the Broadview area and requested a sidewalk along South Rogers. The Committee discussed the length, topography, right-of-way, and future improvements along South Rogers. It also looked at the City sidewalk projects in this area, which were aimed at stretches where pedestrians had no alternative than walking on the road and included: Country Club to Rockport Road; missing links on Rockport Road from Country Club to Rogers; and, Rogers north of Rockport Road. Ultimately, it concluded that the city investments in the area were substantial and would provide a spine for other projects. Justin Wykoff prepared a map showing the location and estimates (\$1.4 million) for sidewalk projects in the area.